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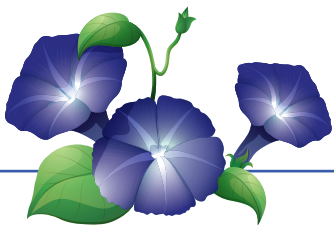


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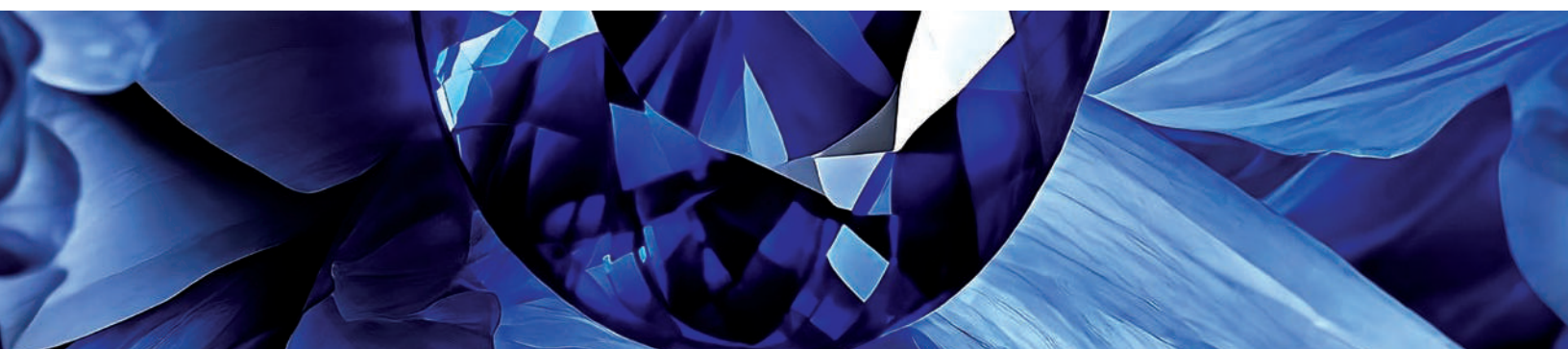
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“By all these lovely tokens, September days are here, With summer's best of weather, And autumn's best of cheer. - Helen Hunt Jackson”



Beyond the Veil

An Exclusive Sneak Peek

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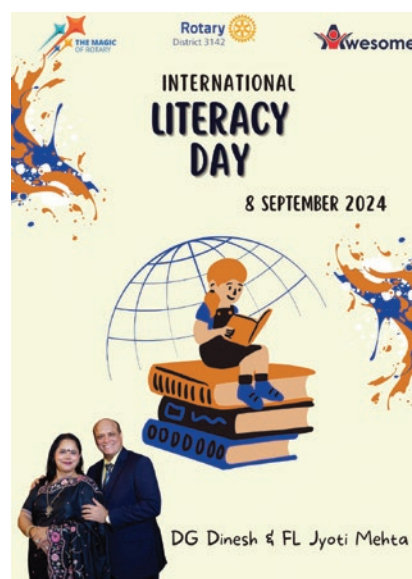
A Month for Prioritizing Basic Education and Literacy.

September marks a significant month for Rotary International as we focus on the critical areas of basic education and literacy. These fundamental building blocks are essential for individual empowerment, community development, and global progress. As Rotarians, we have the privilege and responsibility to support initiatives that promote these essential rights. By providing access to quality education and literacy resources, we can help individuals unlock their full potential, break the cycle of poverty, and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Dedicate this month to making a tangible impact on the lives of those who need our support and create a brighter future for generations to come.

Empowering Lives, Building Communities:

The District Governor emphasizes the importance of education and literacy in fostering personal growth, community development, and global progress. The message encourages Rotarians to actively participate in initiatives that support education and enlightenment, both locally and internationally.



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We look forward to receiving your submissions!

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mbrace the Autumn Equinox

September's Magic Arrives!

*September's here, a time to shine,
With Rotary's aid, let us intertwine
Education's light, a beacon bright,
To make this month a time to write... Savi*

A *Virgian September: Rotary and the Pursuit of Perfection

As the leaves begin to turn and the air takes on a crisp autumnal chill, we bid adieu to August and welcome September, the month of the Virgo zodiac sign. Known for their meticulous nature, practicality, and service-oriented spirit, Virgos embody many of the core values that define Rotary. Time to embrace the Virgian spirit and recommit ourselves to the Rotary ideals of service, dedication, and excellence

Virgian are often seen as perfectionists, striving for excellence in all they do. This aligns seamlessly with Rotary's commitment to upholding high ethical standards and pursuing meaningful service. Just as Virgian seek to enhance their surroundings, let us, as Rotarians, harness the Virgian spirit of perfectionism to strive for excellence in all our endeavors. By doing so, we can ensure that our programs and initiatives meet the highest ethical standards and continue our tireless efforts to uplift our communities through meaningful service.

*Virgians, born under the sign of the Virgin, are known for their practical nature, unwavering dedication to service, and exceptional work ethic. Their meticulous attention to detail and analytical minds make them valuable contributors to any endeavor.

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The Virgian Alignment, of September, governed by the Virgo zodiac sign, is a time characterized by practical thinking, attention to detail, and a strong service ethic. The global call for educational equity, championed by leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Kofi Annan, and Paulo Freire, resonates deeply with the Virgian values.

As we embark on this Virgian month, let us recommit ourselves to bolstering programs that promote literacy and basic education. Whether through volunteering, donating, or advocating for policies that promote educational equality, we can all play a vital role in empowering individuals and creating a more just and equitable society.

September is also a time to celebrate the inspiring stories of Rotarians who have dedicated their lives to making a difference. Their unwavering commitment to service above self serves as a beacon of hope and a catalyst for positive change. From providing healthcare to the underserved to promoting peace and understanding, these individuals exemplify the very best of the Rotary spirit.

The Virgilian ideals of selflessness, devotion, and greatness should guide our actions...

*"O sweet September, thy first breezes bring
The dry leaf's rustle and the squirrel's laughter,
The cool fresh air whence health and vigour spring
And promise of exceeding joy hereafter."*

- George Arnold, September Days



RIP Stephanie Urchick's Message

Rotary's Unexpected Gift: A Family Reunion

The Magic of Rotary

Is belonging, and it's a feeling that can appear when you least expect it.

Earlier this year, I was in Slovakia serving as a president's representative during a six-week trip through Europe. When I wrote to Katarina Cechova, governor of District 2240 at the time, I mentioned that my grandmother Veronica Zilka grew up in a small village in the area before settling in the U.S.

It wasn't long before Cechova tracked down my grandmother's village, Jakubova Vol'a. She even organized a visit for me, where I received an unforgettable Slovakian welcome.

When I entered the community center of Jakubova Vol'a, a small crowd of people dressed in traditional Slovakian clothing greeted me. They sang with beautiful and powerful Central European voices that reminded me of my grandmother.

A lot of families play cards or games when they get together. When I was young, my father would pick up his accordion and lead my family in song. My grandmother would sing along with her impressive voice.

When I walked into the community center and heard traditional music from my childhood — when I saw a woman play the accordion the way my dad played — I suddenly felt like a little girl sitting at my grandmother's house in Monessen, Pennsylvania. I burst into tears of joy at the memories.

But the magic didn't stop there. District Governor Cechova really outdid herself. A local genealogist worked with a videographer to make a short film about my grandmother. We watched the video together in the community center.

When the video ended, I turned around and saw a man standing in the back of the room. I quickly learned that this stranger, Frantisek Zilka, was my second cousin. His grandmother and mine had been sisters. I felt like I had been struck by lightning.

I visited my newfound cousin's home, which happens to be the home where my grandmother was born. There, he shared old photographs I had never seen of my dad, my uncle, and my grandmother.

Since then, I can't stop thinking about my family of Rotary. When I refer to you as my family, I'm not just being kind. I really think of everyone in Rotary as my family. But I never would have imagined that my Rotary family would introduce me to long-lost personal family.

Sitting in that community center listening to traditional Slovakian music from my childhood filled me with joy and a profound sense of belonging. I am so grateful to District Governor Cechova and everyone who helped create that magical experience.

As members of Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to share the same magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club — other members of our Rotary family — feel like they truly belong.

We create magic because we provide opportunities for people to make their lives better.

Stephanie A. Urchick
Rotary International
President
2024-25



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RID 3142 Honors Rising Leader

Shaping Rotary's Tomorrow

Introduction Sangkoo Yun

Sangkoo Yun is selected to be 2026-27 Rotary International President.

Seoul, Korea Sangkoo Yun, of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. He will be officially declared the president-nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him.

Yun received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Syracuse University School of Architecture in the U.S. and an honorary doctoral degree from The University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is the founder and CEO of Dongsuh Corp., which engineers and markets architectural materials, and the president of Youngan Corp., which operates in real estate and financial investment. He is involved in many civic organizations and has a special interest in the preservation of cultural heritage.

A Rotary member since 1987, when he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Yun has served Rotary International as a director, trustee, committee member and chair, and RI learning facilitator. He served for eight years as co-chair of the Keep Mongolia Green Project, by Korean members of Rotary. His RI committee roles include the Board Administration Committee (2013-15, vice chair 2014-15), the International Assembly Committee (vice chair, 2020-21), and the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (regional vice chair, 2023-27).

He also served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-21) and Programs Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-22).

Yun received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2021-22. He was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II, awarded the Friendship Medal by the president of Mongolia, and recognized for distinguished services by the president and prime minister of Korea. He is a veteran of the Republic of Korea Army and an emeritus elder at Andong Presbyterian Church.

Yun and his spouse, Eunsun, are Rotary Foundation Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Arch Klumph Society, the Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society. They have two children.

Sangkoo Yun
Rotary International President
2026-2027 (Selected)



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A Message from the District Governor

Education, Enlightenment, and Endless Endeavors

Embracing Literacy

Fellowship and Service in September

September marks a significant month for our Rotary family, as we celebrate Rotary World's Basic Education and Literacy Month.

This month-long observance underscores our organization's commitment to empowering individuals through education.

As Mahatma Gandhi famously said, "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

A Month of Festivities and Blessings

September, a month of joyous celebrations and spiritual awakening, begins with the auspicious arrival of LORD GANESHA.

Homes and community pandals are adorned with vibrant decorations, filled with the melodious chants of prayers, and the aroma of delicious offerings. Jyoti and I join in invoking the blessings of the LORD GANESHA upon our extended Rotary family.

As the month progresses, we witness the vibrant celebration of ONAM, a festival that welcomes King MAHABALI back to his kingdom. The ONAM SADYA, a sumptuous feast of traditional Kerala cuisine, is a highlight of the celebrations. We invite you to join us in experiencing the rich cultural heritage of Kerala at our district's Onam celebration.

May the blessings of Lord Ganesha and the joyous spirit of Onam fill your hearts with happiness and prosperity throughout this month.

August proved to be a month wherein we made remarkable progress. Two New Clubs received their Charter and registered their August presence. The Rotary Club of NAMASTU NAVI MUMBAI with Yogesh Rekhawar as Charter President and the Rotary Club of THANE PRIDE with Ashwini Doshi as Charter President. We were able to grow our Membership by 442 more Rotarians who are willing to put service above self. The Rotary Club of Dombivli East added 51 Members in August alone. Kudos to the Rotary Club of Dombivli, the District Membership Team and Chair, Ravi Iyer.

The TRF Team also achieved the MARK MALONEY CHALLENGE with 100% of Clubs in the District contributing \$ 100 to the Annual Fund. TRF Trustee Chair Mark Maloney is scheduled to visit India in September and he will be the Chief Guest at the TRF Seminar, hosted by the Rotary Club of Thane Hills at Hotel Satkar Residency on the 28th of September

We have made a significant beginning to our Mega Projects. The Cervical Cancer Vaccination Project is well underway and we plan to donate over 2500 vaccines by the end September.. The Project is spearheaded by Anindya Dasgupta and under the aegis of the Triumph Foundation, the project has been well received and made triumphant progress

The "SAMVIDHAN KA AMRIT MAHOTSAB" Project has also been undertaken by many Clubs in the District. This is a celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the adoption of the Indian Constitution. It is the brainchild of Dr Lucky Kasat and those who have listened to the talk have been effusive of their praise and honest in their admission that they knew so little of what is one of the most remarkable documents in World History

The Annapurna Project is spearheaded by a Thanekar and has made silken progress. Most Clubs in the District have undertaken projects to feed the Hungry and the Needy. We have been witness to the enormous effort taken to host free lunches for Cancer Patients and the relatives that need to be with and attend to them. It is a matter of great pride that on our Nation's Independence we were able to provide food to over 15,000 needy people in a single day. Resham and the Annapurna Team, keep up the great work

Numerous Clubs in the District have also taken up the CPR Project in great earnest. Dr. Lucky Kasat and Dr. Supriya Lad Chincholkar have conducted workshops wherein participants are encouraged to watch and then learn CPR techniques, first hand.

In the spirit of bonhomie and camaraderie a District Picnic was organised on the 10th and 11th of August at the Treat Resort in Silvassa. The Rotary Club of Ulhasnagar Sapna Garden were gracious and charming hosts and had organised a Cricket Tournament as well as a Fashion Ramp walk that Rotarians participated in with gay abandon

The first District Public Image Seminar was held at Dombivli on 4th August.

In keeping with the Prime Minister's avowed mission of a TB Mukht India and in keeping with our NIKSHAY MITRA project to provide nutritious cereals and grains to the family of patients afflicted by TB, we recognised those who have come forward to adopt such families. To recognise their contribution a musical evening was organised at Kashinath Ghanekar wherein Jashn Bhumkar entertained the audience with Hindi and Marathi songs as well as Ghazals.

In the first two months of this Rotary Year we have distributed over 11,200 Ideal Study APP's. Our endeavour is that Community Service does not end with just providing Kits and Apps but to involve the children in the learning process because as a famous man once said " Tell me and I forget, Teach me and I may remember, Involve me and I learn"

It is with this in mind that we have set up the TECH LAB Project where Computer Labs have been set up in Eight TMC Schools with the help of a CSR Grant from Goldman Sachs, Bangalore. The focus will be on learning through involvement. There will be no Spoon feeding as in the long run, all that spoon feeding teaches you is nothing but the shape of the spoon. The Rotary Clubs of Thane Lake City, Thane Green City and the Rotary Club of Bangalore West along with CSR Partner Goldman Sachs will undertake to run this programme in conjunction with selected TMC Schools

September promises to be another month of Awesome Community Service and I urge the involvement of each and every one of you to bring the Magic of Rotary into the lives of the Community. May GANPATHI BAPPA and MAHABALI, shower all of us with their Blessings.

Dinesh Mehta

Dinesh Mehta
District Governor
2024-25

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he Power of Fellowship

A spoken story by FL Jyoti

"Fellowship, a word that often evokes images of laughter, shared experiences, and enduring connections. It is more than just a word; it is a cornerstone of our lives, a force that unites us, and a testament to the power of human connection.



As a Rotarian, I have witnessed first-hand the incredible impact that fellowship can have on individuals and communities. Rotary's commitment to service and its emphasis on building lasting relationships have inspired countless people to make a positive difference in the world.

I believe that the power of fellowship lies in its ability to create a sense of belonging, to foster empathy, and to ignite our shared humanity. Whether it's the camaraderie we find among our Rotary family, the deep bonds we form with friends, or the unwavering support we receive from our loved ones, these connections are essential to our well-being and our ability to thrive.

Rotary has taught me the importance of valuing friendships and building strong relationships, recognizing the power of kindness, empathy, and support in navigating life's challenges.

As we focus on basic education and literacy this month, remember the vital role that family and friendships play in our lives and create a society where everyone has access to quality education and where the value of human connection is celebrated.



A quote that resonates with me is, 'Friendship is like a plant. It needs to be nurtured and cared for to grow.' Just as we tend to our gardens, we must invest time and energy in cultivating our relationships.

Remember to use the power of simple words. 'PLEASE,' 'THANK YOU,' & 'SORRY' the three MAGICAL words that can bridge divides, foster understanding, and strengthen our connections.

Together embrace the power of fellowship, cultivate meaningful relationships, and work together to create a world where everyone feels **Connected, Valued, & Supported.**"

Jyoti Mehta

Jyoti Mehta
First Lady
2024-25

"The Strength of Fellowship"

*First Lady speaks, a bond so true,
"Fellowship's power, shining through.
It binds us tight, a golden chain,
A source of strength, that will remain."
Through thick and thin, we stand as one,
Our hearts connected, 'neath the sun.*

*A helping hand, a friendly smile,
Can ease the burdens, for a while.
So let us cherish, every tie,
And watch our friendships, soar so high.
For in these bonds, we find our peace,
And feel the love, that will not cease...Savi*



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मंगलगौर:
काळाच्या पलीकडे
जाणारा बंध.

"मंगलगौर, स्त्रीत्व आणि वैवाहिक आनंद साजरा करणारा एक उत्सव, पिढ्यांनंतर
पिढ्यांसाठी एक प्रिय परंपरा आहे. सामायिक बंध हेच आपल्याला एकत्र बांधते.



Fellowship

Mangalagaur: A Bond That Transcends Time



मंगलगौरच्या आत्म्याचा सन्मान करण्यासाठी आणि या सुंदर परंपरेद्वारे निर्माण झालेल्या टिकाऊ संबंधांचा उत्सव साजरा करण्यासाठी आमच्याशी जुळा.





District Picnic 2024: A Day Filled with Fun, Friendship, and Laughter!

The annual District Picnic was a resounding success, bringing together Rotarians from across the region for a day of camaraderie, community, and celebration. Held at Treat Resort, the event featured a variety of activities, including delicious food, exciting games, and live entertainment.

A special shout-out to DG Dinesh and his team: "Their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to excellence made this event truly memorable."

Host Club RC Ulhasnagar Sapna Garden: "Thank you for your warm hospitality and for providing such a beautiful venue for our picnic." Club President Jeetu Chainani, Convenor Girish Lulla Coordinator Manish Mulchandani and Club Secretary Ravi Bhatia and Club Members - "Your hard work, creativity, and dedication to making the picnic a success are truly commendable."

District Team DS Nitin More and AC Shailesh Muley: "Their leadership and guidance were invaluable in ensuring the smooth operation of the event."

And last but not the least The Awesome Presidents Thank you, for your exceptional leadership and valuable contributions to the success of our District Picnic. Your support was instrumental in making this event a memorable one.

Rotarians enjoyed a day of relaxation, fun, and networking, strengthening their bonds with fellow members. The event was a testament to the power of Rotary to bring people together and foster a sense of community.



Reliving the unforgettable memories of our District Picnic



Fellowship

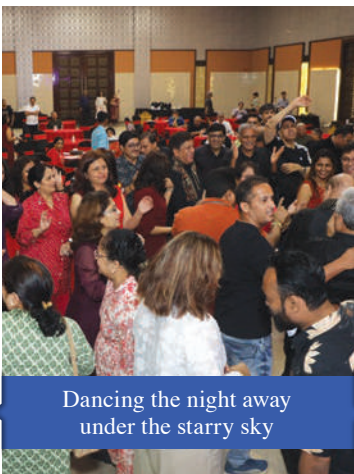
Reliving the Magic of Our District Picnic



Sharing moments of camaraderie and connection



A picnic filled with fun, games, and unforgettable experiences



Dancing the night away under the starry sky

Awesome Resounding Success!
An absolute blast! The event was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and unforgettable memories.
Enthusiasm and Energy were Contagious!
Ye Dil Mange More!

Delicious food that satisfied every palate
Poolside fellowships under the warm sun

Exciting games that brought out our competitive spirit

Live music that set the perfect atmosphere

Unforgettable moments shared with friends and colleagues



A vibrant atmosphere filled with laughter and joy



Together, we create lasting memories

Rotarians Lead

By example in the Fight Against Slavery

Carol Hart Metzker's Unwavering Commitment to Eradicating Debt Bondage in India

In a world often blinded by the illusion of progress, the insidious practice of slavery continues to thrive, trapping millions in a cycle of exploitation. One woman, Carol Hart Metzker, a dedicated Rotarian, is determined to break these chains of oppression. Through her tireless efforts and the support of the Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS), Metzker is spearheading a mission to liberate individuals from the clutches of debt bondage in India.

Metzker's journey began with a personal awakening during a visit to India in 2004. Witnessing first-hand the plight of children rescued from slavery, she felt a deep calling to make a difference. Her unwavering commitment led her to become a consultant for the Salvation Army's New Day to Stop Trafficking program and author the book "Facing the Monster: How One Person Can Fight Child Slavery."



The students learn to use a computer, which is also used to document the project.

RAGAS, under Metzker's guidance, has adopted a strategic approach to combatting debt bondage. By focusing on local communities, the group empowers individuals to break free from the cycle of exploitation. In a village in Uttar Pradesh, India, RAGAS, in partnership with Schools4Freedom and Manav Sansadhan Evam Mahila Vikas Sansthan (MSEMVS), is providing crucial support to victims of debt bondage.

The project, funded by a district grant and other sources, offers a lifeline to villagers trapped in a cycle of poverty and illiteracy. Schools4Freedom establishes educational facilities, providing children with access to education, nutritious meals, and essential supplies. Additionally, the project supports women's empowerment through vocational training and installs solar lights to enhance safety and security.

Students learn the alphabet in the open-air school structure.



Metzker's unwavering belief in the power of education and community empowerment is at the heart of RAGAS's approach. By equipping individuals with knowledge and skills, the group empowers them to advocate for their rights and break free from the chains of debt bondage.

While the road to liberation is long and arduous, Metzker's determination remains steadfast. Through her tireless efforts and the support of RAGAS, she is inspiring others to join the fight against modern-day slavery. As Metzker aptly states, "Someday, there is going to be such a huge difference because we realized there really is something you can do. And we did it."



Story By Nikki Kallio sourced from <http://rotary.org/>

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Magic of Rotary

A Haven of Humanity

A Tale of Rotary Resilience

The Rescue of Rotarian Tushar Ganguly

A Rotarian's Rescue: A Tale of Courage and Collaboration Rotarians in India are well aware of the anxiety looming to the East of our country as news of Bangladesh's turmoil spreads. With the Prime Minister fleeing, hundreds dead, and the military in control, the situation is dire, particularly for Indian citizens. India's borders are sealed, and efforts are underway to bring stranded Indian citizens home. Amid this chaos, the resilience of the human spirit shines through.

On Tuesday, August 6th, PP Rotarian Dinabandhu Patra of RC Smart City Navi Mumbai received a frantic call from Girija, the wife of his friend and fellow Rotarian Tushar Ganguly, trapped in Ruppur, 200 km from Dhaka. Rtn. Tushar, a member of the Rotary Club of Deonar (RI District 3141), had flown to Dhaka to ensure his colleagues' HS Poonia and Chandramani Ghadei, safe return. However, with roads closed and violence looming, they needed urgent help to reach the capital. Girija hadn't spoken to Tushar in 24 hours and was deeply worried.

Rtn. Dinabandhu quickly alerted the Club members soliciting their assistance and contacted Rotarians who could assist. Club President Rotarian Milan Chandak, and Club Director Membership Rotarian Kedar Tendulkar reached out to every possible connection. The call for help reached DFSC Rotarian Chandrahas Shetty, who informed PDG Rotarian Ashesh Ganguly. They began mobilizing resources. Girija also contacted PDG Rotarian TN "Raju" Subramanian from RC Deonar himself, who reached out to his contacts in Bangladesh.

Within minutes, Rtn. Milan received from PDG Rtn. Ashesh the number of PDG Rotarian Khairul Alam of Dhaka Rotary District 3281. Rtn. Milan and Rtn. Dinabandhu called Rtn. Alam, explained the situation, providing him the contact numbers of Rtn. Tushar and his wife Girija, requested him to establish contact with Rtn. Tushar and provide all assistance. Soon, Rtn. Alam was in direct contact with both Rtn. Tushar and Girija. After speaking to him, Rtn. Milan and Rtn. Dinabandhu sighed relief, trusting Rtn. Alam to handle the situation.

In an incredible twist, we learned that Rtn. Tushar and his colleagues were holed up at Hotel Khairul in Ishurdi near Rupur, owned by Rtn. Alam himself. Within an hour, coordinated efforts were underway in Dhaka.

A daring plan was devised. Under the cover of night, Rtn. Alam arranged for his personal car to transport Tushar and his colleagues to Dhaka Airport, departing at 2:00 AM.

Despite warnings of danger, the team in Bangladesh decided to take the risk. The car reached Dhaka airport by dawn without incident. All sighed in relief as Rtn. Tushar and his colleagues went inside the airport to wait for their Indigo flight 6E1116 to Mumbai.

But relief was short-lived. Vistara and Indigo had suspended all flights to and from Bangladesh on Tuesday and there was no clarity as to when the flights would reopen.

Thankfully, the Government of India arranged all logistics and allowed empty flights to Dhaka to bring back stranded Indians right from Wednesday, August 7th. Complications did not stop. Flight 6E1115 took off from Mumbai at 9:30 AM, only to be recalled 30 minutes later, leaving families even more anxious.

The flight finally took off at 11:20 AM, arriving in Dhaka at 2:10 PM. Passengers boarded swiftly, and by 3:30 PM, Flight 6E1116 was airborne. Rtn. Tushar landed safely in Mumbai at 6:15 PM, where he was met with a warm embrace from his family and friends.

Rotary's Swift Response: A Testament to International Solidarity

This inspiring story highlights Rotary's dedication to humanitarian service and international cooperation. The swift actions of Rotarians in India, particularly those who provided immediate assistance to stranded Indian citizens in Bangladesh, demonstrate the power of collective effort and compassion.

We commend the leadership and determination of Club President Rtn. Milan Chandak, PP Rtn. Dinabandhu Patra, PDG Rtn. Khairul Alam, PDG Rtn. Ashesh Ganguly, DFSC Rtn. Chandrahas Shetty, and PDG Rtn. Raju Subramanian. Their timely intervention has undoubtedly saved lives and provided much-needed support to those affected by the crisis.

As Rotarians, we stand united in our commitment to serving humanity. Let us continue to work together to promote peace, understanding, and compassion around the world.

Story courtesy
Rtn Milan Chandak
Awesome President RC Smart City NM



The August Move

One day, One journey, Many Magical Stories

रोटरी का जादू

एक दिन, हजारों मुस्कानें,
समाज सेवा का जश

मेरे प्यारे अद्भुत मित्रों!

आज का दिन ज्योति और मेरे लिए अविस्मरणीय रहा। सबसे पहले, एक रोटेरियन के रूप में और फिर आज जिला गवर्नर और प्रथम महिला के रूप में सेवा करने का सौभाग्य प्राप्त हुआ। नेतृत्व की इस भूमिका में आने का उत्साह और संतुष्टि अद्वितीय है। इस एक दिन में, हमने कई परियोजनाओं का दौरा किया और रोटरी की सेवा भावना का प्रत्यक्ष अनुभव किया।

हमारा दिन हिरानंदानी एस्टेट में एक वॉकथॉन से शुरू हुआ, जो रोटरी क्लब ऑफ हिरानंदानी एस्टेट द्वारा आयोजित किया गया था। वहां से, हमने झंडा फहराने और प्रोजेक्ट अन्नपूर्णा के कार्यक्रम में भाग लिया, जो वागले एस्टेट के स्ट्रीट नंबर 22 के निवासियों और बच्चों के लिए आयोजित किया गया था। इस कार्यक्रम में ठाणे के 11 रोटरी क्लबों ने भाग लिया।

फिर, हम मुलुंड में चार सोसाइटीज के लिए एक CPR प्रशिक्षण सत्र में शामिल हुए, जो रोटरी क्लब ऑफ ठाणे लेक सिटी द्वारा आयोजित किया गया था।



इसके तुरंत बाद, हम कल्याण गए, जहां रोटरी क्लब ऑफ न्यू कल्याण की परियोजना, स्पोर्ट्स सर्कल का उद्घाटन किया गया। हमें यह जानकारी प्रसन्नता हुई कि कल्याण डोंबिवली नगर निगम आयुक्त भी इस अवसर को सुशोभित करने के लिए उपस्थित हुए। यह एक उत्कृष्ट सार्वजनिक परियोजना है और मैं आप सभी से आग्रह करता हूँ कि समय निकालकर इसका दौरा करें।

इसके बाद, हमने रोटरी क्लब ऑफ न्यू कल्याण और जैन सोशल ग्रुप की संयुक्त पहल, अन्नपूर्णा परियोजना और रक्तदान अभियान का उद्घाटन किया। यह सामुदायिक सेवा का एक उल्लेखनीय उदाहरण था।

हमारी यात्रा का अगला पड़ाव डोंबिवली था, जहां शास्त्री नगर जनरल अस्पताल में, रोटरी क्लब ऑफ डोंबिवली मिडटाउन के रोटेरियन ने प्रसववार्ड में 25 महिलाओं के लिए पूरे एक वर्ष के लिए दैनिक भोजन प्रायोजित करने की प्रतिबद्धता दिखाई।



और फिर हम, Sion कोलीवाड़ा गए, जहां नवस्थापित क्लब, रोटरी क्लब ऑफ हिरानंदानी इवान ने अन्नपूर्णा परियोजना का आयोजन किया, जिसमें 400 कैंसर रोगियों और उनके परिजनों के लिए भोजन उपलब्ध कराया गया। यह एक उल्लेखनीय और मानवीय कार्य है।



The August Move

A DG's Diary



शाम को, हम आशा भवन, टाटा मेमोरियल कैंसर अस्पताल और अनुसंधान केंद्र, खारघर गए, जहां रोटरी क्लब ऑफ नवी मुंबई सनराइज और रोटरी क्लब ऑफ नवी मुंबई इंडस्ट्रियल एरिया ने एक और 450 कैंसर रोगियों और उनके परिजनों के लिए भोजन प्रायोजित किया।

मुझे यह भी पता चला कि इस्कॉन ने पूरे वर्ष के लिए भोजन प्रायोजित करने की उदारता दिखाई है। मेरा मानना है कि यदि हम सभी एक साथ आए तो हम इस्कॉन के उदार प्रस्ताव का पूरा बनकर एक वर्ष के लिए रात का भोजन प्रायोजित कर सकते हैं।

मैं मानता हूँ कि समय की कमी के कारण हम सभी परियोजनाओं का दौरा नहीं कर सके जो हम चाहते थे। लेकिन, हमें गर्व है कि हमारे जिले 3142 के सभी क्लबों ने स्वतंत्रता दिवस और अन्नपूर्णा दिवस का उत्सव बड़े सम्मान और उत्साह के साथ मनाया। आइए हम एक साथ रोटरी के जादू को और अधिक प्रभावशाली तरीके से फैलाने का प्रयास करें।

**आपके प्रति आदर,
रोटरी सेवा में आपका,
डीजी दिनेश मेहता**



15th August Link: <https://youtu.be/nJqTERFtcC0?si=-1NeU9boYhqEQkE0>



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ear
Fellow
Rotarians,

In Rotary, October is designated as Community Economic Development Month. In our country, Navratri is a major and cherished festival, beginning on 3rd October and concluding on 12th October with Dussehra. Wishing you all a joyful and vibrant Navratri!

Upcoming Events

Event: Dussehra and Dandiya Celebration

Date: Saturday, 12th October 2024

Contact Person: AC – Admin. (Festivals) Durgesh Buxy (M: 9820154867)

This event, organized by the Rotary Club of Hiranandani, will be part of our festival celebrations. It aims to bring together members and the local community to enjoy the spirit of joy and togetherness. The event will include various cultural performances and activities, celebrating both the festival and the values Rotary stands for. For more details, please reach out to AC Durgesh Buxy or Host Club President Arunima Singh (M: 9819083478).

Event: Mental Health Seminar

Date: Sunday, 13th October 2024

Contact Person: AC – Avenue Coordinator Pushan Vaidya (M: 9820053638)

Under the Avenue of Mental Health, the District Team has organized an important seminar on mental health. The Rotary Club of Thane Green City will host this seminar under the guidance of Avenue officials. For more information, please contact Av. Coordinator Pushan Vaidya or Host Club President Prasant Patro (M: 9082184160).

Event: Project Annapurna

Date: Wednesday, 16th October 2024

Contact Person: JDS Resham Thanekar (M: 9833667128)

This ongoing district project encourages clubs to organize food distribution for the needy on specified dates each month. Please make sure to submit your project report to AG, DS and JDS Resham Thanekar after the event.

Event: Diwali Pahat

Date: Wednesday, 30th October 2024

Contact Person: AC – Admin. (Festivals) Durgesh Buxy (M: 9820154867)

This Diwali, we are continuing our tradition by kicking off the festival with an early morning event hosted by the Rotary Club of Thane Aces. This event will be a part of the festival celebrations and will capture the essence of Diwali through various traditional practices. For more information about the event, please contact AC Durgesh or Host Club President Sunita Jain on 9833104700.



As you all know that the **Official Club Visit (OCV) of DG Dinesh Mehta** began on 20 th September, 2024.
DS-OCV Santosh Bhide informs the Club President, DS and AG of respective club about the scheduled OCV date one month in advance.

Below are the OCV details for the month of October.

1. Sunday, 6th Oct., 2024
- Rotary Club of Hiranandani Estate
2. Monday, 7th Oct., 2024
- Rotary Club of Sindhunagar (Ulhasnagar)
3. Tuesday, 8th Oct., 2024
- Rotary Club of Kalyan City
4. Wednesday, 9th Oct., 2024
- Rotary Club of Thane Smart City
5. Thursday, 10th Oct., 2024
- Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Bayside
6. Tuesday, 15th Oct. 2024
- Rotary Club of Bhiwandi BKC
7. Wednesday, 16th Oct., 2024
- Rotary Club of Dombivli Up Town
8. Friday, 18th Oct., 2024
- Rotary Club of Dombivli City
9. Saturday, 19th Oct., 2024 (Mor.)
- Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai-Palm Beach
10. Saturday, 19th Oct., 2024 (Eve.)
- Rotary Club of Thane Premium
11. Monday, 21st Oct., 2024
- Rotary Club of Dombivli Regency Anantam
12. Wednesday, 23rd Oct., 2024
- Rotary Club of Garden City
13. Friday, 25th Oct., 2024
- Rotary Club of Thane East
14. Saturday, 26th Oct., 2024
- Rotary Club of Thane Uptown

Thank you all for your enthusiastic participation and support in all our events!

Best regards,

Rtn. Shirish Songadkar,

CEO & Chief Coordinator, RY 2024-25

Membership Miscellania

August Seeds, September Bloom

Sets New Records

11% Membership Growth

Steeve,
I am back with some figures to report.

As on July 1, 2024:
No of Clubs: 111
No of Rotarians: 3624

As on August 30, 2024:
No of Clubs: 115

Members added since July 1, 2024: 442
No of Rotarians: 4066.

Details of 4 New Clubs added.

1. Rotary Club of Namastu Navi Mumbai

Charter Members: 20
Charter President: Yogesh Rekhavar
Carter Secretary: Chandan Banerjee.

2. Rotary Club of Thane Pride

Charter Members: 20
Charter President: Ashwini Doshi
Charter Secretary: Amruta Bhole.

3. Rotary Club of Hiranandani Ivan.

Charter Members: 28
Members added since Charter: 3 = Total: 31
Charter President: Chetana Singh
Charter Secretary: Chirayush Shah

4. Rotary Club of New Regency Estate.

Charter Members: 20
Members added since Charter: 7 = Total: 27
Charter President: Vikram Gade
Charter Secretary: Chintan Thakkar.

The above scenario is a good read, without doubt. We can see a growth of 11% in Membership since July 1, 2024. This is following a pattern of the past, wherein the numbers keep rising for the initial 10-11 months. It is then the nightmare begins and the numbers start reducing.

Awesome Presidents, please note, it will be your prime responsibility to keep the new Members engaged. Make them feel important, include them in your Projects, assign them tasks as per their Interest. Make sure that there is no vanishing act at the end of the year. Ensure that you remain Awesome not just for this year but forever.

I want you Awesome Presidents to add in your bio data that you were able to retain 100% Members and hand over a better club to the incoming Leader of your Respective Clubs. On one hand the satisfaction of retaining all your members will be yours and on the other you will be motivating your incoming President to follow suit. Needless to mention that you all will win recognitions for Membership Growth and Retention.

Here I would like to tell you that the Awesome Awards will be given in July 2nd week of 2025 and the Membership numbers will not be based on figures as on June 30, 2025, but the actual Members that go into the next Rotary Year 25-26.

We shall be announcing the Awards for the Membership Challenge ending August 31, 2024.
The top 3 best performing Clubs in each category, as follows:

Tier 1 Clubs:
Membership below 25
Tier 2 Clubs:
Membership between 26-50.
Tier 3 Clubs:
Membership above 51.

Please ensure that you upload the membership details of New Members on the RI site immediately, since your awards will be based on these numbers. The Membership Team is available for any guidance, help that you may require.

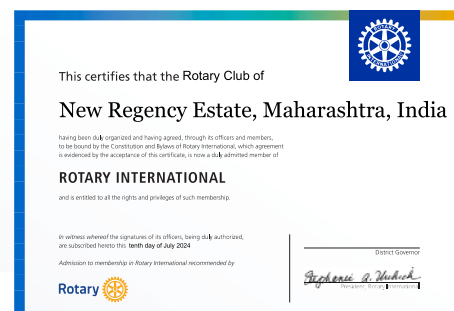
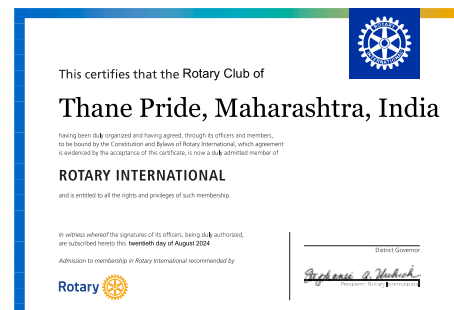
We are all just a Call away. Our numbers are available in the District Directory.

Ravi Iyer
(DMC) District Membership Chair

ERRATA

The growth story reported last month about the addition of 18 members is to the credit of ROTARY CLUB OF KALYAN CITY, instead of RC NEW KALYAN. Apologies from the District Membership Team for this error.

Many congratulations to RC KALYAN for this wonderful achievement..!!



Foundation Snippets

The Magic of a Solid Foundation



District 3142 Achieves 100% Participation in Annual Fund

Rotary District 3142 has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the Rotary Foundation by achieving a remarkable 100% participation rate in the Annual Fund. This achievement underscores the district's dedication to making a lasting impact on our communities and the world.

Through the Annual Fund, Rotarians contribute to global projects that address critical issues such as disease prevention, disaster relief, and education. By supporting the Foundation, we are investing in a brighter future for all.



THANK YOU!

RI District 3142 has achieved...

**2024-25
MARK MALONEY
ANNUAL FUND
EARLY ACHIEVER
AWARD**



We appreciate your valuable support through your contribution to TRF's annual fund.

**DG Dinesh Mehta
and District TRF Team**

Dear Friends, As part of the Mark Maloney Challenge, all the clubs in the District have contributed \$100 or more to the Annual Fund.
"TAHE DIL SE SHUKRIYA" - **DG Dinesh**

Key Accomplishments:

Top 5 Per Capita Annual Fund Donating Clubs (until 31st August 2024)

Name	AF Per Capita	Annual Fund YTD	Total
Thane Downtown, MH, India	\$531.91	\$25,000.00	\$54,642.86
Ambarnath North, MH, India	\$303.03	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Thane City, MH, India	\$208.46	\$3,335.42	\$3,335.42
Thane Lake City, MH, India	\$167.89	\$6,379.74	\$6,379.74
Navi Mumbai Samaritans, MH, India	\$136.36	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

New 1000 \$ or more Donors

Thane Northend, MH (28708)	Mr. Suresh Srinivasan	\$1,000.00
Hiranandani Ivan, MH (226307)	Shobhana Dharm Prakash Tripathi	\$4,000.00
Thane Hills, MH (28046)	Padmanabhan Sundaresan	\$1,000.00
Hiranandani Ivan, MH (226307)	Dharm Prakash Tripathi	\$5,000.00
Thane Lake City, MH (30186)	Mohan Suresh Nagle	\$1,000.00
Thane Downtown, MH (79059)	Chandahas S Shetty	\$8,892.86
Dombivali East, MH (22963)	Mr Chakrapani U Shukla	\$1,000.00
Thane Hiranandani Legends, MH (226118)	Nilesh Prabhakar Dhahifule	\$1,000.00
Thane Premium, MH (86092)	Tomasetto Achille India Pvt. Ltd.	\$1,000.00
Thane His, MH (28046)	V. Chandrasekharan	\$2,000.00
Thane, MH (15545)	Vijay V Paranjape	\$1,000.00
Thane Downtown, MH (79059)	Systems Plus Pvt. Ltd.	\$20,750.00
Ambarnath East, MH (30279)	Derick Harold Sequeira	\$1,000.00
Thane Downtown, MH (79059)	Rajendra Anant Shinde	\$1,300.00
Thane Lake City, MH (30186)	Mr Manish Omprakash Bhasein	\$1,012.05
Thane Hilts, MH (28046)	CA Vasant Bhat	\$1,000.00
Thane Lake City, MH (30186)	Kumar J. Deshpande	\$1,000.00
Thane Greenspans, MH (88902)	Dr. Nilesh Vinayak Jaywant	\$1,000.00
Thane Orion, MH (222950)	Sanjeev Kumar	\$1,000.00
Thane Lake City, MH (30186)	Jagdish Chelaramani	\$1,000.00

Please Note: above list contains online donations and cheques of 1000 US\$ reflected in August report. Yet to encash cheque donations will be reflected in next month

District-wide Achievement: 100% club participation in the "Mark Maloney Annual Fund 100% clubs contributing 100 \$ or more August challenge! ACHIEVED!

We commend our Rotarians for their generous contributions and unwavering support of the Rotary Foundation. Together, we can continue to build a stronger and more compassionate world.

TRF Support Team



Know Why THEY Donate?
<https://vimeo.com/148502441>

EREY: Every Rotarian, Every Year Club

For clubs that achieve a minimum Annual Fund contribution of \$100 per capita during the Rotary year, and every dues-paying member must personally contribute at least \$25 to the Annual Fund during the year.



<https://www.rotary.org/en/donate/recognition#:~:text=Every%20Rotarian%2C%20Every%20Year%20Club,Annual%20Fund%20during%20the%20year.>

The Jubilee Diamond

A Beacon of Hope and Philanthropy



A Diamond waiting to be Mined.

The Largest Diamond found in more than a century has been unearthed in the Karowe Mine in Gaborone, Botswana. It weighs 2492 carats. The CULLINAN, the Largest Diamond in the world, was discovered in 1905 and weighs 3,106 carats

The Jagersfontein Mine, located in South Africa, is one of the great Diamond Mines in the World. Discovered in 1870 it yielded over 9.6 million carats of beautiful diamonds over its lifetime. In 1895, a rough diamond in the shape of an octahedron weighing 650.8 carats was discovered here and originally named the REITZ Diamond after Francis William Reitz, the then President of the Orange Free State

A consortium of Diamond Merchants purchased the Diamond and sent it to Amsterdam where it was cut and polished by M B Berends to yield a superb, colourless, cushion shaped diamond weighing 245.35 Carats. A stone so perfect that it could be balanced on its narrow culet, less than 2mm across. In 1897, the stone was named the JUBILEE Diamond to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. This was a rare instance of a diamond being named for a Diamond Jubilee, quite a literal commemoration.

In 1900, the diamond was displayed at the Paris Exposition which was held to celebrate the achievements of the past 100 years and also to welcome the twentieth century.

The Diamond was the centre of attraction at this global fair. The Diamond caught the attention of Sir Dorabji Tata, the elder son of Jamshedji Tata, founder of the TATA Group. Dorabji had married Meherbai a few years earlier, was deeply in love with her and decided to gift her the Jubilee Diamond. Dorabji bought the diamond from the merchants for around 100,000 pounds and Lady Meherbai had it set on a platinum claw and hung on a platinum chain which she could then wear around her neck - but only on special occasions.

Meanwhile, Dorabji succeeded his father as Chairman of the Tata Group. Post-World War I, Tata Steel based at Jamshedpur undertook an expansion programme but ran into a host of problems ranging from price inflation to labour issues. Demand from Japan, a major market, crashed because of an earthquake there. By 1923 there was a shortage of cash and liquidity. In 1924, a telegram arrived from Jamshedpur stating simply that there was not enough money to pay the wages. Sir Dorabji Tata had to save the Company.

He and his wife Meherbai decided to pledge their entire personal wealth, which came to around Rs 1 crore to Imperial Bank to raise funds. This included all Meherbai's jewellery including the Jubilee Diamond

Imperial Bank provided the Tatas with a loan of Rs 1 crore against the personal pledge and the money was used to fund Tata Steel. Soon the Company's expanded production facilities began delivering returns and the situation started to take a turn for the better. Not a single worker was entrenched during the period of intense struggle. The company returned to profitability and the pledge was repaid.

In 1931, Lady Meherbai Tata died of leukaemia and Sir Dorabji Tata, a year later. He had willed his entire fortune to the Sir Dorabji Tata Charitable Trust including, of course, the Jubilee Diamond. The Jubilee Diamond was sold through Cartier in the year 1937 and the funds from this sale went to the Trust.

The Sir Dorabji Tata Charitable Trust used these funds to set up the TATA Memorial Hospital, and many other Institutions including the TATA Institute of Fundamental Research and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

No Diamond has ever once saved a company from collapse and then gone on to give birth to such famous Institutions.

**OSD (Pondy)
Kumar Deshpande**



May the story of the Jubilee Diamond inspire your Club Charitable Trust to unearth a valuable Diamond.

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A TECH Leap Forward



Partner to empower Thane students with coding skills

Goldman Sachs is a leading Global Investment Banking, Securities and Asset and Wealth Management firm that provides a wide range of Financial Services. As part of their CSR initiative they had teamed up with the Rotary Club of Bangalore West to set up Tech Labs in Municipal Schools in Bangalore. This envisages donating Computers and accessories to the School, designing the curriculum and training and empowering teachers to provide coding skills to students of Class 8,9 and 10.



Since the programme was successfully launched and implemented in Bangalore, Goldman Sachs sought to replicate the initiative in Mumbai. They asked the Rotary Club of Bangalore West for recommendations on how to team up with Rotary in Mumbai and set it up in schools in Mumbai.



The Rotary Club of Bangalore West had been forwarded a CSR Partner for a Bangalore initiative by Prasad Tendulkar of the Rotary Club of Thane Green City. So they chose to return the favour.

Prasad, who is DGSC - CSR Grants discussed the proposal with District Governor Dinesh and it was decided that a Memorandum of Understanding would be signed between Goldman Sachs, the Rotary Club of Bangalore West, the Rotary Club of Thane Green City, the Rotary Club of Thane Lake City and the Thane Municipal Corporation to set up these Tech Labs in eight schools under Thane jurisdiction.



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Jagdish Chelaramani, President Thane Lake City took on the onus of getting the requisite permissions from the Thane Municipal Corporation and a committee of volunteers from Thane Lake City and Thane Green City went through the arduous exercise of putting the nitty gritty together.



Deepali Mahendra, President Elect of Thane Lake City took on the Role of Lead Co-ordinator and the Committee identified and selected schools in Kisan Nagar, Kalwa, Rabodi, Louis wadi, Dhokali, Teen Hath Naka and Mumbra for setting up the Labs. Whilst the TECH LAB Project has been set up in eight schools it covers over 23 schools with over 2000 students being the beneficiaries. The project also provides for the Training of the Teachers and takes care of their salaries. It provides an employment opportunity for nine teachers and the total outlay on this project is estimated as Rs 150 Lakhs



A Cluster Launch Ceremony was then held on 2nd August 2024 at School No 23, Kisan Nagar, Wagle Estate where representatives from Goldman Sachs, Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Bangalore West, Dy Municipal Commissioner Thane Sachin Pawar, District Governor Dinesh, DGSC CSR Grants Prasad Tendulkar, Presidents of the two Thane Clubs Prashant Patro and Jagdish Chelaramani were present. Sanjana Govindan from Goldman Sachs and the Deputy Municipal Commissioner Sanjiv Pawar addressed the assembled gathering.



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Mindscape (Mental Health)

Mindscape Makes Significant Strides

in Mental Health Awareness

A Summary of July's Initiatives

Mindscape, a comprehensive avenue, dedicated to destigmatizing Mental Health concerns, has demonstrably advanced its mission throughout July 2024. Their comprehensive mental health programs, guided by esteemed Avenue Counsellor Rtn Pushan Vaidya, address prevalent issues such as Addiction Recovery, Suicide Prevention, Depression Management, and Mental Health Rehabilitation. This multifaceted approach ensures critical support reaches those who need it most.



Mindscape's commitment extends beyond established programs. The Avenue's recently launched website, IWILLGITA.com, empowers young people with essential information and tools to navigate their mental health journey. This innovative platform has the potential to significantly impact the lives of school children and young adults.

Breaking Free from the Digital Chains: A Community-Driven Approach to Combat Mobile Addiction

In the heart of Navi Mumbai, a unique initiative unfolded at Bharti Vidya Peth Management College. The Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Hillside, in partnership with RCNM Garima, RCNM Valley Gofers, and Inner Wheel Hillside, organized an interactive art session aimed at addressing the pervasive issue of mobile addiction. The event, which drew a diverse crowd of over 102 students and faculty members, utilized the power of creativity to spark meaningful conversations and inspire positive change.



The art session, led by Ave Chair Rtn Kavita and Ave Chair Rtn Chandan, offered participants a platform to express their thoughts, feelings, and experiences related to mobile phone usage. Through painting, drawing, and other artistic mediums, attendees were encouraged to explore the complex relationship between technology and their lives. The result was a vibrant tapestry of emotions, revealing the both the allure and the challenges of the digital age.



A Commitment to Wellness, (Feedback from a Participant)

"This program was eye-opening. I'm now more mindful of my screen time and taking steps to balance my digital life." said Sunita

A Collaborative Effort for a Brighter Future (Feedback from a District Governor Dinesh Mehta)

"The collaboration between the Rotary Club and Inner Wheel was impressive. It shows the power of community in addressing important issues. The event was impactful and laid the groundwork for a brighter future."- DG

A Call to Action (Feedback from the School Principal)

"The art session was a great example of how creativity and collaboration can help students. We need more initiatives like this to address the growing issue of mobile addiction."- Principal



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Mindscape (Mental Health)

Schools Tackle Mental Health with Mindscape and Rotary

Mindscape's impactful work extends to educational institutions. The organization has partnered with Rotary clubs across the Thane region to deliver mental health awareness seminars in schools. Through these programs, hundreds of students gained valuable knowledge about depression, addiction, and healthy coping mechanisms.

Additionally, IWILLGITA.com QR code stickers were strategically placed within the school premises, hinting - this could be a game-changer?

Speaking of game-changers, the Rotary Club of Thane Northend (RCTNE) just held a seminar at Adand Vishwa Gurukul Senior College, leading the charge. They talked about the dangers of phone addiction (think sleep problems, focus issues, and feeling disconnected) and offered tips for a healthier digital life. Over 100 students showed up, eager to learn and make positive changes!

"The IWILLGITA.com QR codes are intriguing," said a spokesperson for Adand Vishwa Gurukul Senior College. *"The potential for a ground breaking approach to mental health support is promising. We're eager to learn more."*



Big props to RCTNE for their commitment to Thane's youth. Hope their efforts inspire others to join the fight for better mental health in schools!

Collaboration with Mindscape and Stree Mukti Sanghatana Uplifts Domestic Workers and Ragpickers

Mindscape partnered with Stree Mukti Sanghatana to conduct a workshop on Stress Management and introduce the IWILLGITA.com platform led by Ave Chair Rtn Kavita, to over 75 domestic workers and ragpickers. This collaboration paves the way for ongoing support, aiming to reach 100 students in the coming months, with plans to expand their outreach to additional underserved communities.



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A Digital Education APP



A Massive Success Story

RID 3142 has achieved a remarkable feat by introducing a dedicated e-learning app that has revolutionized education within the Maharashtra State Board. This innovative initiative, spearheaded by the Rotary Clubs of the region, has provided students with a comprehensive and accessible platform for their academic pursuits. The app, designed to cater to students of Class 10, offers a wide range of study materials in English, semi-English, and Marathi, ensuring that students from diverse backgrounds can benefit from the platform.

A Growing Community of Learners

Since its launch in RY 2023-24, the app has gained immense popularity, with a staggering 27,000 downloads recorded. This impressive figure has continued to grow, with an additional 111,000+ downloads recorded since July 2024 alone. These numbers clearly demonstrate the app's growing appeal among students.

Collective Efforts from Rotary Clubs

The success of the app can be attributed to the collective efforts of numerous Rotary Clubs within the region. These clubs have played a pivotal role in promoting and distributing the app, ensuring its reach to students across the state.

The top-performing clubs in terms of app downloads include:

RC Bhiwandi Rural: 1154 downloads

RC Dombivli East: 1000 downloads

RC Badlapur Industrial Area: 1000 downloads

These clubs, along with others, have contributed significantly to the app's widespread adoption.



A Dedicated Team Behind the Success

The initiative has been spearheaded by a dedicated team led by Ms. Vandana Khanvilkar, along with Rtn. Radhika Gupte and Rtn. Madhavi Kharote representing the district team. Their efforts have been instrumental in the successful implementation of the e-learning app.



A Bright Future for Education

The introduction of this app marks a significant milestone for RID 3142, demonstrating their commitment to providing quality education and empowering students. As the app continues to gain popularity, it has the potential to transform the learning experience for thousands of students across the Maharashtra State Board.



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7. RC Dombivli Industrial Area: 500 downloads
8. RC Thane Skyline: 400 downloads
9. RC Navi Mumbai Valley Golfers: 400 downloads
10. RC Ulhasnagar East: 353 downloads
11. RC Dombivli City: 328 downloads
12. RC Thane Metro: 370 downloads
13. RC Navi Mumbai Samaritans: 300 downloads
14. RC Navi Mumbai Sunrise: 120 downloads
15. RC Thane Suburban: 150 downloads
16. RC Dombivli Regency Anantham: 152 downloads
17. RC Badlapur City: 200 downloads
18. RC Dombivli Saudamini: 230 downloads
19. RC Amara Thane: 200 downloads
20. RC Titwala: 55 downloads
21. RC Dombivli Winners: 200 downloads
22. RC Mumbai Jewels: 150 downloads
23. RC Kalyan: 260 downloads
24. RC Thane Greenspan: 225 downloads
25. RC Dombivli Phoenix: 200 downloads
26. RC Thane Ghodbunder: 100 downloads
27. RC Kalyan City: 100 downloads
28. RC Thane Imperial: 115 downloads
29. RC Thane Hills: 200 downloads
30. RC Thane Horizon: 200 downloads



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A Tribute to Compassion

A Musical Tribute to Nikshay Mitras

A Celebration of Compassion

NIKSHAY MITRA is a friend who volunteers to be a Benefactor for a person afflicted by TB as well as his or her immediate family by providing grains and pulses that ensures that the entire family gets proper nutrition. KSHAY in Sanskrit is Tuberculosis is an infectious disease that most often affects the lung and is caused by a type of Bacteria. It spreads through the air when infected people cough, sneeze or spit.

Tuberculosis is preventable and curable . Being malnourished is a condition that can increase a person's risk of being afflicted with the disease Hence, the Government of India has launched the "Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan" The challenge of Tuberculosis requires a multi-sectoral response to address the social determinants like nutritional support, living and working conditions and an increase in access to diagnostic and treatment services

A NIKSHAY MITRA or Donor commits to support to this program for an entire year. Our District had urged Rotarians to volunteer to become NIKSHAY MITRA's and the response was very encouraging.

On the Marriage Anniversary of the District Governor Dinesh and First Lady Jyoti a felicitation ceremony was held at the Thane Municipal Corporation where Donor and Benefactor were invited and acknowledged

A Musical programme to felicitate NIKSHAY MITRAS was also hosted by the Rotary Club of Thane Premium and co-hosted by the Rotary Club of Thane Lake City at Kashinath Ghanekar Auditorium on Saturday 17th August. The event featured Marathi Actor and Classical Singer JASHAN BHUMKAR. Jashan has received training in Classical Vocal singing from the doyen of the Jaipur Gharana, Smt. Kishori Amonkar. He loves singing Ghazals and Film songs as well and kept the audience engrossed during his recital



निक्षया मित्र देणगीदारांसाठी संगीतमय कार्यक्रम

कार्यक्रमाच्या सनर्धकासाठी एक संगीत संस्था

■ दिनमान प्रतिनिधी

ठाणे। पंतप्रधान नरेंद्र मोदी यांनी आवाहन केलेल्या टीबी मुक्त भारत अभियानाच्या राष्ट्रीय अभियानाच्या अंतर्गताने रोटरी इंटरनॅशनल डिस्ट्रिक्ट ३१४९ ने ठाणे हे टीबी (क्षयरोग) मुक्त शहर बनवण्याच्या मोहिमेत ठाणे महानगरपालिका (वर्ष ३) सहकार्य केलेले आहे. रोटरीने क्षयरोगाच्या रुग्णांसाठी निक्षय मित्र बनण्यासाठी ठाणे महानगरपालिकेसोबत भागीदारी केली आहे. ज्यामध्ये ५०० हून अधिक क्षयरोग रुग्णांना पोषक आहाराचे किट प्रदान करणे, उपचारादरम्यान त्यांचे आरोग्य सुनिश्चित करणे यांचा समावेश आहे.

रोटरीच्या या सामाजिक सेवेसाठी अनेकांचे मदतीचे हात पुढे आलेले आहेत. जे त्यांच्या प्रकरणांमध्ये वर्षभर योगदान देतात. या प्रायोजकांप्रती कृतज्ञता म्हणून, रोटरी क्लब ऑफ ठाणे प्रीमियम रोटरी आणि रोटरी क्लब ऑफ ठाणे लेक सिटी यांनी शनिवारी १७ ऑगस्ट रोजी ठाण्याच्या काशिनाथ घानेकर सभागृहात संगीतमय मैफलीचे आयोजन केले होते. या मैफलीमध्ये प्रसिद्ध शास्त्रीय गायक जशन भूमकर

यांचा सहभाग होता. त्यांनी सादर केलेल्या अनेक गझला, हिंदी गाणी आणि शास्त्रीय संगीताच्या मैफलीने कार्यक्रमाला वेगळीच रंगत आली. जशनने गझल आणि संगीताच्या इतर प्रकारांमध्ये एक विशेष स्थान प्रस्थापित केलेले आहे. एम. अष्टपैतू कलाकार म्हणून त्याचे नाव संगीत क्षेत्रात गाजले आहे. जशनने आपल्या विविध शास्त्रीय, सुप्री आणि गझलच्या कलाकृतींनी प्रेक्षकांना मंत्रमुग्ध केले. या वेळी ठाण्यातील अनेक मान्यवर उपस्थित होते.



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A Tribute to Compassion



TB Mukta Bharat: https://youtu.be/KU__Aeh4AeA?si=UQdI1NFovD6sFK_x

A Musical tribute: <https://youtu.be/N5W1EtvR7jc?si=wm5QP84qyB-zzzZa>

Beneficiaries Speak: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/YBgRrdVJVM2zJW2P/?mibextid=WC7FNe>

JDS: Just Do Service

A Feast of Compassion

A nnapurna's Feast

The Rotary District's Annapoorna project has achieved remarkable results in just two months, providing much-needed food to over 15,000 underprivileged individuals across four zones.

This inspiring initiative, spearheaded by DG Dinesh & JDS Resham Thanekar along with dedicated Awesome Club Presidents and their club members, has become a Inspiration of hope for those facing food insecurity. By working tirelessly under the Annadaan "Feed the Hungry", The Annapurna Project has made a significant impact on the lives of underprivileged individuals and families. The unwavering commitment and compassion of Rotary members have ensured that thousands have received the nourishment they desperately need.

- **Zone 1** : 4,500 beneficiaries
- **Zone 2** : 2,000 beneficiaries
- **Zone 3** : 4,800 beneficiaries
- **Zone 4** : 4,200 beneficiaries



The Annapoorna project is a testament to the power of Rotary to make a tangible difference in the lives of others.



Selfless Efforts, Hope And Compassion To Those In Need.



JDS: Just Do Service

A Feast of Compassion



In hunger's grasp, souls did yearn,
For food to nourish, spirits to burn.
Rotary's hearts, with kindness aflame,
Brought Annapurna, to quell the pain.

From zones afar, a chorus of thanks,
As bellies were filled, and lightened the flanks.
15,000 souls, found solace and cheer,
In Rotary's love, dispelling all fear.

A testament to compassion's might,
Annapurna shines, a beacon of light.
Feeding the hungry, with selfless grace,
Rotary's legacy, forever embraced...Savi



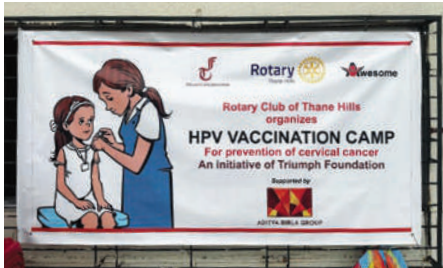
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Mission for Women's Health

Project पार्वती, under the leadership of District Coordinator Anindya Dasgupta, is making strides towards its ambitious goal of providing 750 cervical cancer vaccinations in honor of the 75th Republic Day. This initiative reflects the district's commitment to empowering women and protecting their health.

A Step Towards a Cancer-Free Future

Rotary Club Thane Hills Takes A Stand Against Cervical Cancer Prevention



A Vital Initiative

In a significant stride towards women's health and well-being, the Rotary Club Thane Hills, in partnership with the CSR initiative of Mrs. Rajshree Birla, is spearheading a massive campaign to vaccinate girls aged 9 to 14 against cervical cancer. This year, the project has gained further momentum with the invaluable support of Aditya Kala and Anuraag Srivastava from WHAT NEXT, who are actively identifying strategic locations to maximize outreach.

The Rotary Clubs have meticulously planned the campaign, targeting specific schools and locations across the region. The project is being overseen by District Coordinator Anindya Dasgupta and Chief Coordinator Neha Nimbalkar, ensuring smooth execution and maximum impact.

To amplify their reach and ensure maximum effectiveness, the Rotary Clubs have partnered with WHAT NEXT, a leading organization dedicated to social causes. Mr. Aditya Kala and Mr. Anuraag Srivastav from WHAT NEXT are playing a pivotal role in identifying strategic locations and facilitating the execution of this drive.



The Rotary Clubs of RID 3142, are pleased to announce substantial progress in their ongoing polio eradication campaign. Through strategic planning and collaborative efforts with local authorities, the initiative has successfully reached hundreds of children in the region.

As of August, the campaign has achieved key milestones, including successful vaccination drives at New English School, Majiwada, and New Lord English School, Dombivli. These events have resulted in the immunization of over 211 children, contributing significantly to the overall goal of eradicating polio.

A Preventive Approach not only to protect individual children but have also to make a lasting impact on the community as a whole.

The Rotary Club Thane Hills firmly believes in the adage "prevention is better than cure." By providing cervical cancer vaccines, they are not only protecting the health of young girls but also investing in a sustainable future. The campaign aims to reach as many beneficiaries as possible, ensuring that every girl has access to this life-saving immunization.



RC Dombivli Regency Sparks a Health Awareness Revolution

Rotary Club Dombivli Regency is leading a ground breaking initiative to enhance health education in the community. The first campaign launched with a significant seminar at Swami Vivekanand School on July 28th, where over 500 students and 100 parents gathered to gain insights into HIV vaccination, depression and de-addiction



Positive Feedback

"HPV: Know it. Fight it."

"I am so grateful to the Rotary Club Dombivli Regency for organizing this informative seminar. As a parent, I was concerned about the HPV virus and its potential impact on my children's health.

The seminar provided me with the knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions about my family's well-being."

- Parent



A Heartfelt Mission for Children

Project षष्ठी, under the leadership of District Coordinator Pallavi Sule, is making substantial progress towards its commendable goal of conducting 275 pediatric heart surgeries in commemoration of the 75th Republic Day. This initiative reflects the district's unwavering dedication to providing life-saving healthcare to children in need.

As of September, the project has successfully completed 49 pediatric heart surgeries, with a remarkable 19 surgeries performed in August and 30 in September. Comprehensive beneficiary details, including patient photographs, are available for review at Jupiter Hospital.

Generous Philanthropic Support:

The project has received significant financial support from corporate foundations. Birla Foundation has contributed Rs. 85 lakhs to RCT Premium, which will be matched by JSW Foundation. This generous contribution will play a crucial role in ensuring the project's successful completion.



Community Involvement:

The Rotary Club of Kalyan Riverside has also demonstrated its commitment to the cause by donating Rs. 25,000 towards Project षष्ठी. This contribution highlights the community's active participation and support for this noble endeavor.

Parents:

"We are eternally grateful for the life-saving care provided through Project षष्ठी. Our child's journey has been filled with hope and healing, thanks to the dedication of the doctors and the support of the project."- Parent (names withheld)

"Words cannot express our gratitude to the team behind Project षष्ठी. Our child's heart surgery was a success, and they have given them a second chance at life. We are forever thankful."

Doctors:

- "Project षष्ठी is a remarkable initiative that is making a significant impact on the lives of children with heart conditions. The team's commitment to providing high-quality care is truly inspiring."
- "It's been a privilege to be part of Project षष्ठी. The positive outcomes we've seen in our patients are a testament to the project's success. We are proud to contribute to such a meaningful cause."

A Call for Media Attention:

Given the project's substantial achievements, it is imperative to amplify its visibility through a media shoutout. A well-crafted story format can help raise awareness and garner further support for this life-saving initiative.

By sharing the project's progress and the positive impact it's making on the lives of children, we can inspire others to join the cause.



CPR: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
(सीपीआर) कार्डियोपल्मोनरी रिससिटेशन,
includes chest compressions and
artificial respiration.

COLS: Compression Only Life Support
(सीओएलएस)
केवल संपीड़न जीवन समर्थन,
focuses on chest compressions only.

"Part of my life is saving life."

**A small twist of fate can end a life;
a small twist of learning can save a life.**

District 3142 has launched COLS CPR, a life-saving program led by First Lady Jy Mehta. This initiative equips individuals with essential CPR skills to save lives in emergencies.

Under the guidance of Dr. Lucky Kasat, COLS CPR involves hands-on training using realistic mannequins. Anyone can learn and understand it, regardless of education or experience.

Anyone Can Save a Life!: Train to Become lifesavers in critical moments.

Empowerment, Accessibility, Simplicity, and Convenience:

- **Save lives:** Learn to help in emergencies within 3 minutes.
- **Open to all:** No special qualifications needed.
- **Easy to learn:** Master the basics quickly.
- **Train anywhere:** Practice at your own pace

#FLJyotiMehta #RID3142COLSCPR
#SaveALife #RotaryIndia #AmritMahotsa
#CommunityService
#rotaryinternationaldistrict3142

1009 Lifesavers! 25
COLS CPR Workshops
#RID3142SaveALifeMovement!

Rotary Clubs Empower Transgender Community with CPR Training

50 Transgenders Learn Life-Saving Skills in Heartfelt Initiative

In a heartwarming display of inclusivity, 5 Rotary Clubs in Thane joined forces to provide CPR training to 50 transgender individuals in Kalyan. Led by President Sohini Dam of RC Thane Royales, the workshop was conducted at the transgender community's living space by the esteemed doctors, Dr. Lucky Kasat and Dr. Supriya Lad.

The transgender community expressed gratitude for the initiative, which empowered them with life-saving skills.

"यह पहली बार है जब किसी ने हमारी परवाह की है और हमें ऐसा कुछ सिखाने की कोशिश की है। यह बहुत सशक्त लगता है।"

"मैंने कभी नहीं सोचा था कि मैं सीपीआर सीखूंगा। यह एक मूल्यवान कौशल है जो जान बचा सकता है।"



"रोटरी क्लबों और प्रथम महिला ज्योति मेहता के इस अद्भुत पहल के लिए हम किन्नर असमिता की ओर से हार्दिक धन्यवाद देते हैं। डॉ. कसात, डॉ. लाड और अध्यक्ष सोहिनी दाम के नेतृत्व में आयोजित इस सीपीआर प्रशिक्षण ने हमारे जीवन में एक नई उम्मीद जगा दी है। यह प्रशिक्षण न केवल हमें जीवन रक्षक कौशल सिखाता है, बल्कि यह हमें महसूस कराता है कि हम समाज का एक महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा हैं। हम सभी को शामिल करने और समर्थन करने के लिए आपका बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद।" - सिमरन सिंह, समन्वयक, किन्नर असमिता

The Rotary Clubs involved in this initiative have not only empowered individuals but also fostered a sense of belonging and acceptance.

MEGA Milestone

A Ripple of Life-Saving Knowledge: A Health Revolution



Through the scorching summer months, Rotary Clubs in Thane District 3142 conducted a series of COLS CPR workshops, reaching a diverse range of participants. From students at KC College to professionals at Torrent Power, from transgender communities to corporate employees, these workshops empowered individuals with the vital skills to save lives.

A Model of Community Health set by The Rotary Clubs of Thane District 3142 who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in promoting community health. Within a mere two months, these dedicated organizations have successfully equipped over 1000+ individuals with the vital skills of (CPR) & (COLS) through 25+ workshops.

Their achievements are a testament to their commitment to community well-being. Their strategic outreach, collaborative partnerships, expert training, and inclusive approach have created a lasting impact on the health and safety of their community.



A Big shout out! for Rotary Clubs of Thane District 3142 to have established a benchmark for community health initiatives that will undoubtedly save lives.

- 1. Rotary Club of Thane Uptown**
Beneficiaries: 35 students | Date: July 26 | Location: KC College, Thane
Trainers: Dr. Lucky Kasat and Dr. Supriya Lad
- 2. Rotary Club of Kalyan City**
Beneficiaries: 25 individuals | Date: July 27 | Location: Kalyan
Trainers: SVR hospital doctors
- 3. Rotary Club of Dombvili Midtown**
Beneficiaries: 55 individuals | Date: August 2
Trainers: Rtn member Dr. Girish Lokras, Dr. Preeti Nanda
- 4. Rotary Club of Thane Urbania**
Beneficiaries: 20 individuals | Date: August 3
Trainers: Dr. Nikhil Jadhav
- 5. Rotary Club of Thane Premium**
Beneficiaries: 45 employees of Infexn laboratories
Trainers: Dr. Lucky Kasat and Dr. Supriya Lad
- 6. Rotary Club of Lake city**
Workshops: 05 | Beneficiaries: 95 individuals | Date: August 15
Location: Tirumala Heights
Trainers: Dr Vinay Borwal (Cardiologist), Dr Sachin Yadav, Dr. Chetna.
- 7. Rotary Club of NM Smart City**
Beneficiaries: 55 individuals | Date: August 15
Location: Progressive Society, palm B each
Trainers: NEXUS ESG
- 8. Rotary Club of Thane Royales, Rotary Club of Thane Orion, Rotary Club of Thane Premium, Rotary Club of Bhiwandi BKC, Rotary Club of Thane North, and Rotary Club of Hiranandani Estate**
- 9. First inclusive COLS training with 50 Transgender individuals**
Date: August 18
Trainers: Dr. Lucky Kasat and Dr. Supriya Lad
- 10. Rotary Club of Thane Downtown**
Beneficiaries: 36 individuals | Date: August 26
Trainers: Dr Manish Doshi & Dr Geeta Bhat.
- 11. Rotary Club of Thane North End**
Beneficiaries: 70 NSS college students of Anand Vishwa Gurukul, Thane | Date: August 29
Trainers: Dr. Lucky Kasat and Dr. Supriya Lad
- 12. Rotary Club of Dombvili Saudamini, Rotary Club of Dombivli Winners, and Rotary Club of New Regency Estate**
Beneficiaries: 40 individuals | Date: August 29
Trainers: Rtn Dr. Girish Lokras, Dr. Preeti Nanda, Dr. Prasanna Mahajan
- 13. Rotary Club of Thane**
Beneficiaries: 60 individuals | Location: Dnyanpeeth, Manorama Nagar
Trainers: Rtn Dr. Vijay Patil, Dr. Ketaki Patwardhan, Dr. Prajakta, and Dr. Homeshwari
- 14. Rotary Club of Thane Lake city**
Beneficiaries: 163 employees of Torrent Power | Date: August 31
Trainers: Dr. Lucky Kasat, Dr. Supriya Lad, Dr. Jain
- 15. Rotary Club of Thane Premium**
Beneficiaries: 220 employees of Torrent Power | Date: August 31
Trainers: Dr. Lucky Kasat, Dr. Supriya Lad, Dr. Jain
- 16. Rotary Club of Kalyan City**
Beneficiaries: 40 individuals | Date: August 31 | Location: Mohindar Singh School Kalyan
Trainers: SRV Hospital Dr. Pawar and Samadhan

Report by ADLF Dr Lucky S Kasat, Advisor - COLS



People of Action <https://youtu.be/BrisXjgn2Y>

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Inner Wheel Clubs

an August Gesture

Celebrating Community and Patriotism

Inner Wheel Club of Thane North End

The Inner Wheel Club of Thane North End celebrated academic excellence by honoring the top three students from 67 TMC schools. Chief Guest Prerana Raichur inspired the students with her motivational speech



Inner Wheel Club of Thane West

On Kargil Vijay Diwas, the Inner Wheel Club of Thane West showed their gratitude to our brave soldiers by distributing Rakhis and sweets, and donating to the Sainik Welfare Department.



Inner Wheel Club of Ambernath

The Inner Wheel Club of Ambernath celebrated Independence Day with the brave firefighters, bringing smiles and joy through flag hoisting and Raksha Bandhan celebrations.



Inner Wheel Club of Thane West

The Inner Wheel Club of Navi Mumbai Bayside spread joy and patriotism on Independence Day by visiting the World Quarry Centre and distributing chocolates and branded bags.

Jyoti Kotak
District Editor 2024-25
IW District 314

Impact Story

Rotary Roots, New Regency's Fruits

Rotary Club of New Regency Estate

"Where Friendship, Service, And Leadership Come Together."

We chartered our new club, Rotary Club of New Regency Estate on 10th July 2024 in Awesome Year.

With mentorship from experienced Past Presidents and support from District Governors, we could tackle challenges of forming a new club.

The Rotary Club of New Regency Estate was established with idea of Community service and bonding within club members. The association of like-minded people working on social causes can bring significant changes in society. Our Club projects and services will play a vital role in enhancing communities through a range of impactful initiatives which include efforts to promote education, improve healthcare, provide clean water, and support economic development.



Our membership is our strong base of our work with 4 past presidents, members from various classification and vocational backgrounds puts our club in strong driving position to take up bigger initiatives and enable greater good in local communities. Our club has done projects in environment with tree plantations, in community service with Annadaan with food distribution in an old age home, fellowship with club member birthday celebrations, Independence day flag hoisting.

Our club has done exceptionally well with 35% membership growth from Chartered membership count and have crossed TRF donations of \$2586 till date with per capita TRF of \$129. We have met our set goals and aim to further increase both TRF and Membership count through rest of year.

We have strong pipeline of projects and also will be co-hosting and participating in large numbers in district events. We did platinum co-hosting of District Public Image Seminar held in August month. We have also provided good number of registrations in Discon-25, DLA-25, and other district events. The constant engagement with district and our club will build the camaraderie with club members.

We look forward to work with enthusiasm and dedication and make this Rotary year really Awesome....!!



RID 3142 Honorary Connection

Beyond the Ordinary

The Rural Maverick

Pradeep Lokhande's Legacy of Rural Development

Pradeep Lokhande's story isn't a linear path to success, but a captivating journey of continuous reinvention. This Pune-based entrepreneur's unwavering dedication to rural India has earned him titles like **"Postcard Man of India"** and **"Library Man of India."**

His odyssey began at a young age. Leaving his Wai hometown with a hunger for opportunity, Lokhande's marketing diploma landed him a job at Johnson & Johnson. This experience ignited his interest in rural markets, and his extensive travel exposed him to both their potential and challenges.

Driven by ambition, Lokhande founded Rural Relations in 1993. Recognizing the importance of trust and connection, he embarked on a unique mission – building relationships with rural areas. Over years of meticulous effort, he built a massive database of nearly half a lakh villages through a network of postcards. This "simple yet herculean" task, as described, not only provided valuable data but also opened doors for rural opportunities and employment.

Lokhande's vision extended beyond market access. He firmly believed that education was key to rural transformation. In 2001, he launched the Gyan-Key initiative, establishing libraries across five states. These libraries, housing over 10 lakh donated books, have benefitted more than a million students, with a significant number being girls inspired by scientific heroes.

The pandemic's hardships shifted Lokhande's focus towards preventing mass migration. His latest brainchild, BHub (Business Hub or Bharat Hub), aims to strengthen existing infrastructure in schools, health centers, and post offices. This initiative fosters collaboration between corporations, government bodies, villagers, and non-resident villagers, seeking to create employment opportunities while bolstering education and healthcare access.

Lokhande's relentless drive and innovation are evident in his numerous successful projects. From Project Snehasambandha, which provided tetanus vaccinations to over 50,000 mechanics, to Rakshita Bansode's story of planting 1200 trees, his work has a profound impact on countless lives.

Pradeep Lokhande's story is not just about achievements; it's a testament to the transformative power of connection, education, and unwavering belief in rural India's potential. With BHub, he embarks on a new chapter, aiming to not only bridge the rural-urban divide but also empower villages to become engines of economic growth.

A Champion of Rural Transformation Lokhande stands out in social entrepreneurship. Eschewing traditional models focused on profit, he has dedicated the past two decades to a singular mission: empowering rural India. His unwavering commitment and innovative strategies have resulted in demonstrably positive change for countless villages and their inhabitants.

India's Postcard Man & Library Man



<https://youtu.be/mqCMBVegWbk?si=6TMowV0DW5PYoNQ>

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https://www.linkedin.com/posts/pradeep-lokhande-581b2774_readinginitiative-ruralstudents-rurallibrary-activity-7219255987063447555-rUnZ?trk=public_profile

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Beyond the Ordinary

Founder of Rural Relations

Lokhande's Vision in Action

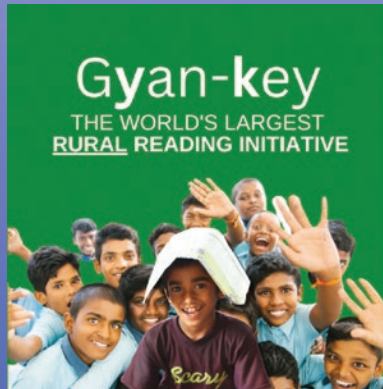
Lokhande's journey began with a deep-seated desire to understand rural India. He embarked on a comprehensive data collection effort, meticulously documenting the social and economic landscapes of thousands of villages across multiple states. This unprecedented undertaking established a vital knowledge base that had previously been absent.

Recognizing the power of information technology, Lokhande spearheaded an initiative to bridge the digital divide in rural education. By 2009, over 28,000 used computers were installed in classrooms, fostering digital literacy and opening doors for countless students.

His vision extended beyond technology. He championed lifelong learning, leading to the creation of the "Gyan-key libraries" project. Partnering with Non-Resident Villagers (NRVs), Lokhande established over 3,900 libraries stocked with regional language books. These libraries transcended mere repositories of knowledge, serving as crucial instruments for cultural preservation.

Lokhande's relentless pursuit of progress continues with villagewiKY, an open-source platform designed as the ultimate information hub for rural India. Users can contribute and access data on key aspects of village life, empowering communities by providing them with a platform to share their stories and participate in shaping their futures.

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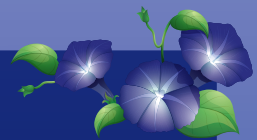
Gyan-key & Fit-key: Empowering Rural Minds in India

Rural Relations' Gyan-key program is transforming rural India by sparking a love for reading. With over 1.4 million books in 7 states, Gyan-key targets 7-13 year olds, a crucial age for habit formation. Student engagement has soared, with active reading participation jumping in both primary and secondary schools. Gyan-key champions regional languages too, ensuring cultural heritage thrives. A holistic approach, Gyan-key complements reading with Fit-key, promoting physical activity in over 760 schools. Gyan-key and Fit-key offer a compelling opportunity to invest in rural India's youth. By nurturing healthy minds and bodies, they are ensuring a brighter tomorrow.



Building a Bridge to a Brighter Future

Pradeep Lokhande's story transcends the narrative of a singular individual's vision. It serves as a powerful testament to the transformative potential of dedication and innovative thinking. He is not building a business empire; he is constructing a bridge, meticulously connecting rural India to the vast opportunities of the future. As Lokhande himself beckons, "We welcome you to an entirely new way of reaching out to tomorrow's India," his outstretched hand is an invitation for all to join him in building a brighter future for the heart of the nation.



A Distinguished Honor:
Recognizing his exceptional contributions, the **Rotary Club of Hiranandani Estate** has bestowed upon Shri Pradeep Lokhande the prestigious honor of honorary membership. This recognition is a testament to his tireless work and unwavering dedication to the betterment of society.

Club 'S'ensational

Where Club Service Takes Off

Ode to Service: A Symphony of Rotary Clubs

*From Ambernath to Navi Mumbai's shore,
Rotary Clubs of Thane, forevermore,
A tapestry woven, threads of grace,
Serving communities, a loving embrace.
Thane Aces soar, Independence Day,
Impactful projects, a joyous fray.
Thane Passion, a heartwarming tale,
Their initiatives inspire, never fail.*



Rotary Club of Thane North End : A Heartfelt Commitment to Community

The Rotary Club of Thane North End planned a CPR training session at Ananda Vishwa Gurukul on August 29th, as well as a Raksha Bandhan celebration with exceptional Children on August 16th at Rotary "God's Center in Kopri," with a focus on life-saving skills and bonding with exceptional children.



Rotary Club of Dombivli North Warms Hearts

The Rotary Club of Dombivli North recently provided warm clothing to individuals in need. Led by President Shri Kishor Kamat, the group assisted neighborhood members in remaining safe and comfortable throughout the colder months.

Rotary Club of Thane Passion

की दिल को छू लेने वाली पहल!
एक उद्योगिक सामाजिक प्रतिष्ठान और रोटरी क्लब
ऑफ ठाणे की अध्यक्ष गीता खन्ना के जज्बे को सलाम!
हर शनिवार को, ये संस्थाएं KEM और टाटा अस्पताल
में मरीजों के परिजनों के लिए लगभग 2,000 से 2500
चपाती तैयार करती और वितरित करती हैं।

Rotary Club of Kalyan Riverside

Combats Cervical Cancer
The Rotary Club of Kalyan Riverside recently organized a successful cervical cancer awareness and screening program. Over 110 people participated, emphasizing the significance of preventative healthcare.



Rotary Club of Thane Greenspans Spreading Positivity and Empowering Communities

The group went to Bharari Asthivyangya Vikalanga Sanstha in Dombivli to provide joy and hope to the inmates. They provided the "Ideal Study App" to TMC School students to help them study more efficiently. The club finished its main project at Mahuli School, providing vital supplies.

Club 'S'ensational

Making a difference, one action at a time

*Dombivli North, a comforting glow,
Kalyan Riverside, a noble blow.
Dombivli Phoenix, empowers young minds,
Badlapur Smart City, healthcare it finds.
Garima Navi Mumbai, women's empowerment,
Blood donation drives, a humanitarian movement.
Central Kalyan, road safety's guide,
Dombivli Regency Anantam, a student's pride.*

*Thane Lake City, Greencity, Bangalore West,
Tech-savvy students, put to the test.
Ambernath North, a catalyst for growth,
Thane North End, a heartfelt oath.
Thane North End, Royales, Orion, Connoisseurs,
Independence Day, a joyous chorus.*



Rotary Club of Thane East Celebrates Annapurna Day with Multiple Initiatives

The Thane East Rotary Club commemorated Annapurna Day with community efforts like as Rakhi-making workshops and empowerment for young females. On Raksha Bandhan, girls joyfully attached homemade Rakhis to local police officers. The club also served nutritious lunches to 150 people, presented 30 pairs of rain boots to the Aasara Trust, and taught Ganesh idol carving at Nanik School. The gathering also commemorated Raksha Bandhan with Gratitude, encouraging young ladies to respect their protectors.



Rotary Club of Dombivli Phoenix Empowers Students.

The Rotary Club of Dombivli Phoenix recently handed out study applications to 122 pupils. The group, led by President Santosh Patil, assisted students in improving their academic performance.



Rotary Club of Badlapur

Smart City Hosts Mega Medical Camp
The Rotary Club of Badlapur Smart City had an excellent medical camp on August 24th. The event offered vital healthcare services to the local population.



रोटरी डोंबिवली रिजेन्सी अनंतम क्लबने दहावीच्या

विद्यार्थ्यांच्या शिक्षणाला दिली चालना!
डोंबिवलीतील ग्रीन इंग्लिश स्कूलमध्ये रोटरी क्लबने दहावीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांना मोबाईल स्टडी ऍप वाटप केले. यामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांना घरी बसून अभ्यासकरणे सोपे झाले.



Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Hillside Promoting Health and Well-being

The Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Hillside held a menstrual hygiene awareness event for students in grades 8 through 10 at the NMMC School in Diwale Village, Belapur. On Friendship Day, the club entertained the Jyoti Ashalaya youngsters to a movie screening. The club also conducted an emotional intelligence session given by Divya Agarwal, a BVMSR 2011-13 class XVI alumna.

Club 'S'ensational

Empowering Through Exceptional Service

Ode to Service: A Symphony of Rotary Clubs

*Thane Greenspans, positivity's hue,
Navi Mumbai Hillside, health anew.
Menstrual hygiene, a vital cause,
Thane East, Annapurna Day, applause.
Bhiwandi Central, education's spread,
Thane Urbania, agriculture ahead.
Ganesh Chaturthi, skill development's art,
Suburban Thane, ORS Week, a healing start.*

*Navi Mumbai Samaritans, empower with apps,
Vithalwadi, TB patients, no gaps.
Ambernath North, a new police chowki,
Thane Uptown, celebrations quirky.
Kalyan City, honors excellence and service,
Raksha Bandhan, Ambernath North, a priceless verse.*



Rotary Club of Thane Aces Celebrates Independence Day with Impactful Community Project. A community project was conducted in Mahuli village, Shahpur, by the Rotary Club of Thane Aces, under the leadership of President Sunita Jain. The project included a medical camp, a nutrition program, and tree planting, which provided healthcare services to 60 school children.



रोटरी क्लब ऑफ अंबरनाथ इंडस्ट्रियल एरियाचा कळमपाडा शाळेतील विद्यार्थ्यांना स्टडी टेबल वाटप कार्यक्रमाचा प्रसिद्धीपत्रक अंबरनाथ औद्योगिक क्षेत्रातील रोटरी क्लबने आज कळमपाडा शाळेतील विद्यार्थ्यांना स्टडी टेबल देऊन त्यांच्या शिक्षणास मोलाची मदत केली. या उपक्रमातून विद्यार्थ्यांना स्वच्छ आणि व्यवस्थित वातावरणात अभ्यास करण्याची संधी मिळणार आहे.



Rotary Club of Thane Urbania Promotes Sustainable Agriculture
The Rotary Club, led by President Tasneem Sayeed, presented 100 mango plants to farmers in Dhakane Village in an effort to empower local farmers and increase agricultural output.



Rotary Clubs Celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi with Skill Development Workshop. Rotary Clubs of Thane North, Orion, Royales, and Bhiwandi BKC sponsored a Ganesha idol-making workshop for 55 kids, with the goal of developing creative talents and fostering cultural heritage.



Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Samaritans Empowers Students with Ideal Study Edu-Apps
Rotary Club members handed Ideal Study Edu-Apps to 10th-grade children at Ashram Shala in Jamrung Khopoli, providing them with digital tools for learning.



Rotary Club of Vithalwadi Provides Relief to TB Patients
The Rotary Club showed its commitment to community well-being by delivering needed food to 25 TB patients at Chiman Automobiles in Ulhasnagar.



Rotary Club of Garima Navi Mumbai Empowering Women and Promoting Blood Donation
RC Garima and Rt Kavita Nair Bhatia conducted a stress management workshop for Stree Mukti Sangathan Vashi, and the Rotary Club of Garima Navi Mumbai organized a blood donation campaign on India's 78th Independence Day to alleviate the urgent blood scarcity in local hospitals.



Club 'S'ensational

Making a difference, one action at a time



Rotary Club of Thane Uptown Promotes Sustainable Celebrations
Members of the Rotary Club and kids from VPM School Balkum engage in an eco-friendly Ganpati idol-making activity.



Rotary Club of Suburban Thane Celebrates World ORS Week
Rotary Club, in collaboration with TMC and TAP, observed World ORS Week by launching an awareness campaign for young adults about ORS, diarrhoea, and cleanliness. Paediatricians from TMC and Asha workers shared views and gave ORS sachets to 100 pupils in order to empower young adults with information and preventive actions.



Rotary Club of Kalyan City Honors Academic Excellence and Community Service
The Rotary Club acknowledged exceptional instructors and students for their accomplishments. The Nation Builder Award was given to 31 instructors, while 63 pupils were recognized for their academic performance. Purva Kulkarni and Tanuja Kanthe, project chairs, spearheaded the efforts, with Jayshree Solanki serving as coordinator.



Rotary Clubs of Thane North End, Thane Royales, Thane Orion, and Thane Connoisseurs Celebrate Independence Day with Community Outreach
To commemorate India's 78th Independence Day, the Thane Rotary Clubs organized a complete outreach program in Lonavala that included Annadaan, a nutritious dinner, a menstrual hygiene training, and a child safety seminar.



Rotary Club of Ambernath North: A Catalyst for Community Development
This year, the Rotary Club of Ambernath North has made significant contributions to the community by promoting eco-friendly celebrations, providing healthcare and educational resources, and taking the lead on initiatives such as Green Ganeshotsav, Eye Camp Success, Education Kit Project, and Project Annadaan.



Rotary Club of Dombivli City Inaugurates New Police Chowki
Rotary Club opened a new police chowki, with District Governor (2025-26) Harsh Makol cutting the ribbon and President Sanjay Mandekar handing over the keys to KDMC Additional Commissioner Harshal Gaikwad, marking the formal inauguration.



Rotary Club Takes the Helm

A Toast to New Presidents!



Rotary Club of Thane Connoisseurs
Awesome President: Atul Madiwale



Rotary Club of Hiranandani Ivan
Awesome President: Chetana Singh



Rotary Club of Namastu Navi Mumbai
Awesome President: Yogesh Rekhavar

Rotary Club of Thane Pride
Awesome President: Ashwini Doshi

Awesome GML Shines Light on A Rotary Star!

A Special Recognition for a
Dedicated Rotarian

A heartfelt shoutout to a remarkable member of
the Rotary Club of Thane!

PP Smita Mahajan

Your passion for Rotary's endeavors is truly
inspiring, and your desire to remain humble is
a testament to your character.

While you prefer to stay out of the spotlight,
Team GML simply couldn't resist
acknowledging

'aquarise universal'

incredible generosity in sponsoring the
publication of GML 2024-25.

Thank you for everything you do!

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Rotary Club of New Regency Estate
Awesome President: Vikram Gade

Retire Rich with a Powerful Combination of SIP and SWP

Retiring rich by the age of 40 or 45 is a dream for many young professionals. Achieving this is possible with a smart strategy that ensures your wealth not only grows but also lasts throughout your retirement years. The key lies in combining a Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) with a Systematic Withdrawal Plan (SWP).

SIP is a disciplined investment method where you invest a fixed amount regularly in mutual funds. Over time, this approach, enhanced by rupee cost averaging and compound interest, builds a significant corpus. For instance, investing ₹30,000 monthly in SIP for 30 years at an annual return of 12% can grow your investment to ₹9.24 crore.

To further enhance your retirement savings, increasing your SIP contributions over time is crucial. This disciplined approach ensures a secure financial future.

Once you've accumulated a substantial corpus, SWP comes into play. SWP allows you to withdraw a fixed amount regularly from your mutual fund, turning your savings into a stable income stream during retirement. For example, with a ₹9.24 crore corpus, you could withdraw ₹4.92 lakh monthly over 20 years. Even after these withdrawals, your remaining balance continues to grow, ensuring long-term financial security.

The combination of SIP and SWP offers a powerful retirement strategy: SIP helps you build wealth, while SWP ensures a steady income post-retirement without depleting your savings.

Starting early is key; the sooner you begin, the better your chances of achieving financial freedom.

In conclusion, to retire rich and sustain your wealth, leveraging SIP and SWP is essential. Start your SIP today, plan your SWP for the future, and secure a prosperous retirement.

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D G's Fables

where Rotary Wisdom meets Whimsy

“चाँद और तारे”

एक बार की बात है, एक गाँव में एक चाँद और एक तारा रहते थे। चाँद बहुत ही बुद्धिमान और ज्ञानी था, जबकि तारा बहुत ही अहंकारी और घमंडी था। एक दिन, तारा चाँद से बोला, “मैं तुमसे बहुत ज्यादा चमकता हूँ। मैं सब से ज्यादा सुंदर हूँ।” चाँद ने मुस्कराते हुए कहा, “तारे, अपनी चमक से ही तो तुम गर्व कर रहे हो? क्या तुम जानते हो कि तुम्हारी चमक मेरी रोशनी से ही आती है?” तारा हैरान रह गया। उसने कभी इस बारे में सोचा भी नहीं था। चाँद ने उसे समझाया कि उसकी रोशनी तारे तक पहुँचती है और तारे को चमकदार बनाती है। तारा को अपनी गलती का एहसास हुआ और वह चाँद से माफी मांगी। चाँद ने उसे क्षमा कर दिया और उसे समझाया कि ज्ञान और बुद्धि ही सच्चा सुंदरता है।

एक संक्षिप्त शिक्षा

इस कहानी से हमें एक महत्वपूर्ण सबक मिलता है। यह हमें याद दिलाती है कि अहंकार और घमंड से कोई भी सुंदर या महान नहीं होता है। वास्तविक सुंदरता और महानता ज्ञान और बुद्धि में निहित है। हमें हमेशा दूसरों का सम्मान करना चाहिए और उनसे सीखने की कोशिश करनी चाहिए।

ये सभी मूल्य रोटरी के उद्देश्य से जुड़े हुए हैं, जो हैं: व्यक्तिगत, व्यावसायिक और सामुदायिक जीवन में अच्छाई और शांति बढ़ाना। अंत में, रोटरी हमें सिखाती है कि दूसरों की सेवा करके ही हम सच्ची खुशी पा सकते हैं।

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Symbol: Virgin maiden

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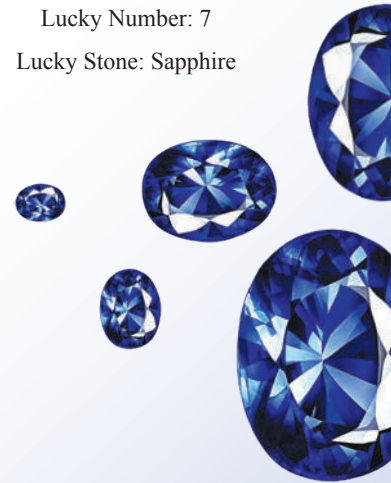
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